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FM AMEMBASSY COTONOU

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8098

AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN

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EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: EINV, PFOR, DM, US

SUBJ: MOBIL AND TEXACO CLAIMS AGAINST BENIN

REF A - COTONOU 167, B - COTONOU 138, C - COTONOU 115,

D - STATE 15770, E - ABIDJAN 600, F - COTONOU 81,

1. EMBASSY STILL HAS NOT RECEIVED NOTE PROMISED BY FORNMIN ON JAN 16 IN REGARD TO BENIN GOVT'S DECISION TO BE PREPARED TO NEGOTIATE WITH MOBIL AND TEXACO FROM FEB 20. ALL WE HAVE THUS FAR IS AN ORAL ASSURANCE FROM HIM THAT BENIN "WILL PAY" WHICH IS WHAT WE HAD FROM HIM 14 MONTHS AGO, PLUS AN INDICATION THAT HIS COLLEAGUE THE MIN OF FINANCE HAS WRITTEN TO THE TWO AMERICAN FIRMS.

2. FOR ABIDJAN: WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU COULD (A) GIVE MOBIL AWNM TEXACO REGIONAL REPS IN ABIDJAN A FURTHER UPDATING OF STATE OF PLAY, (B) SEEK CONFIRMATION FROM THEM THAT LETTERS SENT BY MIN OF FINANCE HAVE ARRIVED AND (C) ASK THEM IF WE COULD HAVE TEXTS OF LETTERS (COPIES WERE PROMISED BY US BY FORNMINISTRY, BUT WE DO NOT EXPECT TO GET THEM).

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